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MR. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE :—" I want to know whether the Government are aware that the teacher-managers have represented that the teaching grant should be enhanced."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Yes ; representations with regard to the general grievances of teacher-managers were received as is seen from the resolutions of the association and other papers."

Selection of centres for location of new schools.

* 1513 Q.—MR. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the right of selecting centres or villages for the location of new schools is vested in the educational officers and not in the local boards?

A.—The location of the schools should be settled by the presidents of local boards in consultation with the district educational officer and the president of the district educational council concerned.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Seeing that the question refers to new schools both board and aided schools, may I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether the presidents of local boards have anything to do with initiation or starting of schools aided by the Government ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The presidents of local boards will have nothing to do with aided institutions."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know, seeing that there are several cases in which aided schools spring up, where there are board schools already and healthy competition results, whether any steps are taken to consult local boards before such schools are started ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The whole position is this : An educational survey has been made of the school centres, i.e., centres without any school. The local bodies have been starting institutions where there are already good working aided institutions. Therefore the district educational authorities take the lists and consult the presidents of taluk boards if possible and submit the lists to the Government. Thereupon aided institutions are encouraged."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" With reference to the educational survey which the hon. the Minister has referred to, may I know if the district educational officer was instructed when making the survey to consult either the local bodies or the district educational authorities ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" If it affected any local board area, the district educational officer might have consulted the local board concerned. But if it affected aided agencies only, the local bodies have no concern with it."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" With reference to the educational survey the results of which have been published, I may say that it affects both aided and board schools. May I know therefore if the Department of Education have given directions to the educational officers to consult local boards and district educational councils before sending up proposals for expanding schools ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The educational survey is now complete and the results of that survey are now in operation."

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Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" My question has not been answered. My question is whether the Government have issued instructions to their educational officers to consult local boards and district educational councils. (After a pause) I have twice repeated the question and yet the hon. the Minister has not answered it."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" In the case of difference of opinion between these people, may I know whose opinion will prevail? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am not able to follow, Sir. Difference of opinion between whom? "

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Between the district educational officer and the president of the local board."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" When the matter comes up, the Government will finally decide."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Seeing that the hon. the Minister has not answered my question, I would ask this question. Has the attention of the hon. the Minister been drawn to the fact that the report on the educational survey of the Nellore district was to the effect that there were no places for schools being started and that such a report was made without consulting the local boards or the district educational council? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The district educational officers are very able and experienced officers and their opinion of the educational survey was accepted by the Government."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Apart from the ability of any educational officer, I wish to know whether the Government have countenanced the sending up of proposals for expansion of education without consulting their own creatures—the district educational councils or the local bodies."

Excise.

Alleged illegal sale of toddy at Pudupalayam village.

* 1514 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an open illegal sale of toddy at Pudupalayam in Tiruchengodu taluk (Salem district) on the local Mariamman festival day on 9th December 1925 last which was reported in the *Hindu* of the 22nd December 1925; and

(b) whether the Abkari officers have held any enquiry and whether they have been able to book the offenders?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but a report has been called for.

Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR :—" Sir, the *Hindu* published a report of the occurrence as early as 22nd December 1925 and I myself have drawn the attention of the Government three months back. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how this inexplicable delay has arisen in obtaining information on a matter of such public importance as a breach of law and why no information has been collected and no action taken as yet? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" A report has been called for, Sir."